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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 10/10/2005 is considered non-compliant because Applicant elected claims without traverse to the sequence as described in SEQ ID NO: 6. Applicant canceled all claims previously examined comprising the elected SEQ ID NO: 6 in the amendment filed on 10/10/2005 and have added new claims 97-116 drawn to the sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 9, 10, 12, 13, 17-19, and 21. The newly added claims submitted therein are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed and examined. Since Applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, the newly added claims 97-116 are considered withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP 821.03.

2. If the non-compliant amendment is a **Preliminary Amendment**, Applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected sections which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and explanation on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132 and **this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.**

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Contact Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cynthia B. Wilder, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0791. The examiner works a flexible schedule and can be reached by phone and voice mail. Alternatively, a request for a return telephone call may be emailed to cynthia.wilder@uspto.gov. Since email communications may not be secure, it is suggested that information in such request be limited to name, phone number, and the best time to return the call.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached on (703) 308-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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